SUESTANCE OF GERMANY'S NOTE ON LUSITANIA CASE IS ACCEPTABLE.

SETTLEMENT NOW IN SIGHT

United States Has Not Increased Nor Curtailed Demands-Minor Changes Suggested-Whole Matter Up to Berlin for Final Adjustment.

Washington, D. C .- in substance the tentative communication from Germany designed to settle the Lusitania case is acceptable to the United States. High administration officials consider that this government, in prevailing upon Germany to make the concessions and agreements as set forth in the document, has achieved

for which it has contended in connec-

tion with submarine warfare. While the substance of the proposed communication admittedly is satisfac. changes. tory, minor changes to clarify the wording and in connection with the by Secretary Lansing. The desires of of the note. the United States in this connection were made known to the ambassador explained, in effect, that as a precauis now expected.

Assurances were received in high changes of wording suggested would acter, it is understood, that if they not in any sense alter the meaning. fall short of satisfying President Wil-No modifications, it was anthoritatively stated, were suggested in connection with the phrase substituted for the word "illegal" which Germany was pnwilling to use

In Teutonic diplomatic circles not the slightest difficulty over the proposed changes is anticipated.

FACING PLOT CHARGES.

Boph and Von Schack, Teutons, Indicted by Federal Grand Jury.

Washington, D. C .- Weeks of investigation by agents of the department of justice resulted in the voting of indictments by a federal grand jury in San Francisco against prominent figures in what are considered here to be two of the boldest plots involving questions of American neutrality that have been uncovered since the European war began. Among those against whom indictments were voted are Franz Boph, German consul general; Baron E. H. von Schack, vice consulof Germany, and Maurice Hall, the Turkish consul general.

Consular officers do not enjoy the diplomatic immunities which ambassadors, ministers and attaches are given by international law, but are subject to the jurisdiction of the country in which they are resident and may be treated by the law as are any other persons.

Boph and Von Schack are charged first uncovered several weeks ago with the arrest of C. C. Crowley, al- Stirs Audience of 15,000 People in Colleged to be a pro-German agent, who had undertaken to cripple the American output of munitions of war, and in other ways to help the cause of the Teutonic allies.

Wilson to Enter the Race.

Washington, D. C .- President Wilson's closest advisers expect him to rights and ideals. make the first formal announcement of his candidacy for renomination within the month. They believe Mr. name in the primary. Under the Ohio ness have been making a campaign. law a candidate is required to notify the secretary of state before February 25 of his willingness to have his name used in the primary. The prestdent has been formally notified of the law's provisions.

Suicide Revives.

Tulsa, Okia. Twelve hours after he was found hanging from a cell in the county jail here and pronounced dead. Thomas Murphy revived in an undertaker's shop. Physicians said he had an excellent chance to survive and stand trial on a charge of first degree murder which caused his incarceration. Murphy was found hanging from the ceiling of his room, an improvised rope twisted so tightly about his neck that officials ordered the body prepared for burial

Enters Contest for Governor.

Lincoln, Neb .- The name of A. L. Sutton, an Omaha attorney, has been filed with the secretary of state as a French cruiser had arrived off the Vircandidate for the nomination for gov- ginin capes and was patrolling there ernor of Nebraska subject to the Re- to prevent the Appam from escaping o publican primaries.

To Meet in New York.

New York.-Jess Willard, world's heavyweight champion, and Frank Moran will meet in a ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden here on March \$ for a purse of \$70,000.

UNCLE SAM SUITED BERLIN ENDS CRISIS

MESSAGE TO VON BERNSTORFF MAKES FULL SETTLEMENT OF LUSITANIA CASE NEAR.

NO DANGER OF BREAK SEEN

Germany Has Refused to Declare Sinking of Liner Illagal, But Makes Concessions Which Give Promise of Adjustment Soon.

Washington, Feb. 7 .- All danger of a rupture with Germany over the Lusitania controversy has disappeared. Count von Bernstorff formally communicated to Secretary of State Lansing on Friday the reply of his government to the oral representations made to him some days ago.

While Cermany has refused to declare that the sinking of the Lusitania was illegal and contrary to international law in the form desired by this recognition of all the high principles government, it can be stated on authority that concessions have been made which give promise of adjustment as a result of further ex-

Whether these concessions fully comply with the terms of settlement form which the formal document shall offered by President Wilson will detake were suggested to Count von pend-from the American viewpoint-Bernstorff, the German ambassador, on very close study and examination

From the German viewpoint the after President Wilson had discussed ing substantially all that the United the subject with his cabinet. Count States asked in the report recently von Bernstorff immediately informed sent to his government by Count von the secretary he knew no reason why Bernstorff, on the basis of his last BELIEVED AIRSHIP DISABLED BY AMENDMENT WINS IN SENATE the changes could not be made, but conversation with Secretary Lansing.

Should President Wilson not find the tion he thought he was justified in concessions wholly satisfactory it submitting the entire matter to his seems probable that an adjustment to government for final approval. He make them acceptable can be reached tid so in a dispatch sent to Berlin, in informal conferences between Sec-The resulting formal communication retary Lausing and Count von Bernstorff during the next five days.

The concessions made by the Gerdiplomatic and official circles that the man government are of such a charson they have so narrowed the margin of difference in the informal negotia- gible, believed to have been the L-19, ty of the United States from the istions as not to necessitate the abandonment of the informal negotiations.

The danger of a break in diplomatic United States, it is asserted in a very tow in two minutes by a bomb dropped ment the president would be authorhigh quarter, have been averted by the by one of the Zeppelins returning from | ized to surrender all rights to the Philnew communication, and the state- the raid made on England. Only three tppines and recognize an Independent ment is even made in this very responsible quarter that there can now be no the Lusitania affair.

PHILIPPINE BILL IS PASSED

Measure Wins in the Senate by Vote of 52 to 24-Stone's Amendment Lost.

Washington, Feb. 7.-After weeks of discussion the Philippine self-government bill was passed by the senate on Friday by a vote of 52 to 24. As finally adopted, its essential features have been substantially modified. Senator Stone offered an amendment that would have eliminated the provision giving the president power to extend the period within which independence must be granted, and restoring the provision in the original bill guaranteeing the neutrality of the islands. Senator Stone made a strong appeal for support for this proposition, but it was rejected, 60 to 17,

with complicity in the plot which was WILSON SPEAKS IN ST. LOUIS

iscum-May Make Another Trip.

St. Louis, Feb. 5.-President Wilson stirred an audience of 15,000 people in the Coliseum here when he solemnly warned the people of Missouri to prepare for the upholding of American

It is still undecided whether Mr. Wilson will make another trip. The president's advisers are urging him to Wilson will notify the secretary of do so at once. They especially want state of Ohio, that the voters of the him to swing through the southern state will have his consent to use his states, where opponents of prepared-

MORGAN GOES TO ENGLAND

Intimations That Trip Might Be Related to Loan by Allies Are Met With Denial.

New York, Feb. 4 .- J. P. Morgan sailed Wednesday for England aboard the steamship Rotterdam. He was accompanied by Benjamin Strong, governor of the New York Federal Reserve bank. In their capacity as commercial agents for the French and British governments, Morgan & Co. have purchased or supervised the purchase of supplies costing hundreds of millions of dollars. Intimations that Mr. Morgan's trip might not be unrelated to another external loan by the allies met with denial.

On Watch for Appam.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 7 .- A wireless dispatch received here reported a from Newport News.

Italian Town Is Shelled.

Rome, Feb. 7 .-- An Austrian squadron, consisting of four torpedo boats and a cruiser, bombarded the Italian town of San Vitochieno and the railroad station at Ortona. Slight damage was caused.

THE LATEST RECRUIT



communication is regarded as granting substantially all that the United "ZEP" FALLS INTO SEA TO FREE PHILIPPINES

DUTCH SHELLS.

ture, Refused Aid-Twenty-Two Perish.

London, Feb. 5 .- Thirty-five more

which fell into the North sea. collier Franz Fischer were drowned voted against it. relations between Germany and the when the collier was sent to the bot-

men of the Fischer were saved. break between the two countries over air craft is told by the crew of the years after approval of the pending steam trawler King Stephen, Captain | measure, Martin, which arrived at Grimsby. Aid was refused the Germans because they outnumbered the crew of the trawier. It is considered likely that the Ger-

mans have drowned by this time. The fishermen say that early on Wednesday morning in the North sea their attention was attracted by fl. shes of light apparently from a ship's signal lamp. They made for the spot and

found a huge mass of wreckage. They stood by until the light improved, when it was seen that the wreckage was that of the Zenpelin L-19. The cabins and a part of the envelope were under water, but a large part of the envelope was float-

On the platform on the top of the envelope seven or eight Germans were seen. These halled the trawler in English, calling: "Save us, Save us, We will give you plenty of money."

As the trawler carried only nine hands and the Germans numbered about twenty-two, Captain Martin decided that it was not safe to take so many enemies aboard, particularly as the trawler was unarmed. He feared that his crew might be overpowered by the Germans. The captain therefore proceeded to report the position of the airship to the proper authorities, adequate assistance being sent afterwards, and put into Grimsby.

It is believed that the Zeppelin was one of those participating in the raid of January 31. The fishermen had been at sea several days and were not aware of the raid.

The Zeppelin probably was disabled by the Dutch coast artillery, which fred on it while it was attempting to eturn to Germany over Dutch terri-

Fifty shots, some of which, it is beleved, hit, were fired at a Zeppelin Wednesday morning as it flew low in t fog over the island of Ameland, off he coast of Holland.

BERLIN SAYS L-19 IS MISSING

Zeppelin Has Not Returned From Raid -British Trawler Refused to Rescue Crew.

cation on Friday admits Zeppelin L-19 | erward with a loss of 160 lives, accordhas not returned from a reconneiter- ing to maritime advices received here. ing fight and that inquiries concern- The Linan was badly damaged and ing the airsbip have been fruitless. fear that the airship has been lost.

Kaiser on Western Front. Copenhagen, Feb. 8. A report from

hood of the Belgian frontier when the is out of danger, according to reports atracks on Loos took place. Volunteer Firemen Killed.

Babylon, N. Y., Feb. 8,-John R. Highle, banker, and Chief Leon Pettit of the Babylon volunteer fire depart- the American Red Cross society to unment, were killed when a fire engine dertake the feeding of the people deson which they were riding was struck | titute in Montenegro. There are 20,000 by a Long Island train.

BY ONE VOTE.

Rights to Islands Within Four Years.

Washington, Feb. 4 .-- Vice-President deaths in British waters, resulting Marshall on Wednesday cast a decidfrom the Zeppelin raid, are reported. ing vote in the senate on the Philip-Twenty-two of the victims are Ger- pine bill, helping to pass the Clarke mans, members of the crew of a diri- amendment to withdraw the sovereignlands not sooner than two years and Thirteen men of the crew of the not later than four. Fifteen Democrats

By the terms of the Clarke amend-The story of the fate of the wrecked in not less than two or more than four

Provision is made, however, that the president may extend time for withdrawing from the islands if conditions of internal and external affairs with regard to stability of the proposed government should warrant such action. He might extend it until the adjournment of a new session in congress, in order to afford congress another opportunity further to consider the sub-

United States to retain sites for coaling stations and a naval base in the event of independence was included. Efforts to recommit the bill failed by a vote of 50 to 29.

By a vote of 49 to 31 an amendment by Senator Kenyon of lowa was adopted to strike from the Clarke amendment all plans for guaranteeing the sovereignty of the islands, either by the United States alone or by treaties United States. This telegram re or other international agreements.

FLASHES OFF THE WIRE

Amsterdam, Feb. 5.-Mails of the Dutch steamer Medan, which arrived at Rotterdam from New York on Wednesday, were taken off and held in England.

Mexico City, Feb. 5.—Defying orders of the Carranza authorities, the Union of Clerks has called a strike in Mexico City. As a result 16 of the union leaders, most of them I. W. W. agitators. were arrested.

Sofia, Feb. 7.-The Bulgarian parliament has been asked by the state attorney for authority to arrest 13 of its members, adherents of M. Ghenadieff, former foreign minister, on charges of accepting bribes from a French agent.

JAP SHIP SINKS: 160 PERISH

Steamer Daijin Maru Collides With British Vessel-Sinks in Seven Minutes. Shanghai, Feb. 7.- The Japanese

steamer Daljin Maru, 1,576 tons, collided with the British steamer Linan Berlin, Feb. 7 .-- An official communi- Wednesday night and sank shortly afthad to put into Hongkong. The col-Reports from Amsterdam confirm the lision is said to have occurred about 125 miles from Hongkong.

Reynolds Out of Danger, Chicago, Feb. 8.-George M. Rey Berlin states that Emperor William notes, president of the Continental

has been on the western front for and Commercial National bank, resome time, and was in the neighbor ported as seriously ill at Los Angeles. received here on Saturday

Food for Montenegrins.

Rome, Feb. 8 .- M. Radovich, the Montenegrin minister, has requested be mays without food

WIDOW OF WEALTHY NEWPORT PHYSICIAN IS ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE.

NEGROES ARE FOUND GUILTY

Charged They Were Hired by Woman to Kill the Doctor-Both Face Prison Terms-Crime Committed on Washington Park Road Aug. 31.

Providence, R L. Feb. S .- Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr is free. She was found not guilty on Saturday on the charge of having hired three negroes to waylay appointed as an additional examiner and kill her husband, Dr. Charles F. for the insurance department and will Mohr, a wealthy Newport physician, begin his duties in the new position while in an automobile with his office at once. assistant, Emily Burger.

For two of the negroes, Henry Spellman and Cecil V. Brown, who were charged directly with the murder of Doctor Mohr, the doors of the state prison yawn. They were found guilty He is now serving his third term in of having killed the doctor and seriously wounding the "other woman" in the case, which has stirred Rhode Island for months. The jury was out seven hours.

With the verdict pronounced against he negroes, the clerk asked: "Mrs. Elizabeth Mohr not guilty. Is

that your verdict?" As Foreman Clark answered, "It is," Mrs. Mohr sobbed and collapsed in her

"Elizabeth F. Mohr hereby is dis harged from this indictment." Dr. Charles F. Mohr was shot and killed and Emily Burger seriously in jured as they sat in a stalled automo bile on Washington Park road on the night of August 31, 1915. George Healis, the negro chauffeur, apparent-Crew of British Trawler, Fearing Cap. President Authorized to Surrender All ly was endeavoring to repair the en-

> "On September 2 Healis was arrested. Later Brown and Spellman were arrested when stories were told of two negroes having been seen fleeing from the scene of the crime on a motorcycle. A few days later they made a confession. They declared they were hired by Mrs. Mohr to kill the dootor and Miss Burger. Later these confessions were repudiated.

ASQUITH BARS AID TO POLES

Blames Germany.

made public on Sunday the corre posed scheme of relief for Poland Replying to Chairman Hoover of the Belgian relief commission, Sir Edward Grey states that in the face of the accumulating evidence of German and Austrian requisitions in Poland, the foreign secretary fears it will be impossible to enter into any arrange ment with regard to any scheme of relief until the German and Austrian Provision making it optional for the governments shall have prohibited the export of foodstuffs from Russian Poland, and shall have guaranteed that the native stocks will not be drawn upon to maintain the armies of occupation.

A cablegram was sent to Premier Asquith from Chicago on behalf of organizations numbering 500,000 Amer ican citizens and representing 4,000, 000 Polish-speaking residents of the quested that the government raise the blockade against ships carrying provisions and clothing to the war stricken districts of Poland.

FEAR ATTACK ON U. S. SHIF

Police Patrol Brooklyn-Manhattan Spans to Prevent Dropping of Bombs on Washington.

New York, Feb, 8.-Extra police guards were stationed on the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges on Sunday at the request of Rear Admiral Usher. commandant of the New York navy yard, it was announced at Brooklyn police headquarters, to safeguard the passage under the structures of the United States cruiser Washington, which arrived from Haiti.

The police said Rear Admiral Usher explained to them that he desires the extra guards as a precautionary measure against the possible dropping of bombs on the cruiser as it passed under the bridges

TEUTONS FLEE IN AFRICA

14,900 German Troops Cross Border and Are Interned by Spain.

London, Feb. 8 .- A Reuter dispatch from Madrid on Sunday says it has been officially announced that 900 Ger man regulars and 14,000 German colonial troops have crossed the border from Kamerun, western Africa, inte Spanish Guinea, where they have been interned.

Mexican Physicians Arrested. Mexico City, Feb. 8 .- Two physicians, who held autopsies on the

bodies of Francisco Madero and Pina 1,000 feet in length and costing in the Suarez, were arrested on a charge of neighborhood of \$50,000. The river behaving been concerned in the double ing a mile wide at Kearney, it will reassassination.

Navy Orders Speedy Boat. New York, Feb. 8.-The navy depart. contract. ment has ordered the building of a high speed, 16-cylinder 800 horse powof over 40 miles an hour.

MRS. MOHR IS FREED GOSSIP FROM STATE HOUSE he supreme court, will be a candl-

Addison Wait who formerly held that office, has filed his petition as a candidate for secretary of state.

late for re-election to that office.

Five hundred employes and inmates of the old soldiers' home at Grand Island are under quarantine for small

Governor Morehead has declined to

consider any measure looking toward his candidacy for a third term, but will retire to private life at the end of his present term. James Murphy, chief clerk of the state banking department, has been

Congressman Lobeck has sent to Secretary of State Pool his filing as caudidate for congress in the Secand district on the democratic ticket.

Captain Ralph E. McMillen of Lincoin has been awarded a medal of merit by the Aero club of America, "in recognition of his efforts in organizing an aviation section of the Nebraska

National guard."

With the authorized announcement of C. J. Miles, Hastings now has two republican candidates for the nomina- interest to the home surroundings. tion for governor, Mayor Madgett of that place having entered the April primary race some time ago.

Secretary of the Board of Agriculture Mellon thinks the farmers of Nebraska would be injured rather than suitable setting, and no home is fully benefited by the passage of the bill permitting wheat and corn to be mixed in the making of flour, and does not

Charles W. Bryan, mayor of Lincoln, and brother of former Secretary Bryan. will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor of Nebraska. A petition placing him in the race has been filed with the secretary of state and Mr. Bryan announces that he will make a hard fight for the place.

Special colt prizes for the state fairs British Premier, Replying to Chicago's of 1916 and 1917 have been proffered & Sons of Boone county. This firm is one of the largest in the state. The London, Feb. 8.—The foreign offict offer will be accepted. It is considered a distinct boost for the industry in spondence exchanged relative to a pro | this state and is much appreciated by the board.

> George W. Berge, whose name has been filed as a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor, has tollowed with an acceptance of that document. By this Mr. Berge becomes an open and avowed candidate against Charles W. Bryan, who also filed last week and whose acceptance was obtained shortly afterwards.

Collection of forestry statistics of the state will be made under the supervision of the state agricultural board. Secretary Ball of the forestration commission and Carl Rhode of Columbus have arranged for the reports. It is hoped that matter will be incorporated in them which will be worth while in the devolopment of tree re-

Announcement has been sent out by Henry C. Richmond of the annual reunion of legislators, to be held in Lincoln, February 25. There will be a business meeting in representative hall at the capitol at 2 p. m., followed by a banquet in the evening. All members and former members of the state legislature have been invited, as well as their families. The women will be entertained by the Ladies' League.

W. B. Eastham, state insurance commissioner, has pald into the state treasury \$99 earned by him as fees for official services. He was invited to St. Louis to act as one of a commission of three to pass on the merger of two insurance companies under the provisions of the Missouri law. Fo. this service he was paid by the Missouri insurance department \$134.46. He deducted his expenses, \$35.46, and paid the remaining \$90 into the Nebraska state treasury.

School funds received by the state treasurer from June 1, 1915, to January 15, 1916, total \$454,410, according to a report made by Treasurer Hall. Of the amount \$228,350 came from bond interests and \$92,000 from lease payments on school lands of the state. The balance came in from various

According to a report by U. G. Powell of the state railway commission, grain rates on Nebraska roads are higher by 10 to 25 per cent than

on those of Kansas. A new state aid bridge across the Platte river at Kearney has been approved by the state board of irrigation the structure to be of steel or concrete. quire about three-quarters of a mile of dirt filling to narrow the channel, This will be included in the bridge

Rock county will fight a 3 mill couner boat for use in the coast patrol y high school tax in the supreme service. The boat will have a speed ours, claiming the levy is unconstitu-

TREES COMPLETE THE HOME

Importance of Proper Shrubbery Is Becoming More and More Recognized.

The primary object of settling the state was to make homes, not to make fortunes or increase the taxable wealth of the county or state. One can have a shelter or abode without trees, but no home which will appeal to the wife, and to which the children will look back with fond remembrances in after years is truly a home without the sense of beauty, repose and protection afforded by trees and

The trees and shrubbery should be located on the grounds to give certain effects or make a part of a living picture. The fruit orchard can be planted at regular intervals, in order to be conveniently cultivated and to use fully the ground occupied, but the trees in the yard should not be spaced like orchard trees; they should be grouped, in order to make vistas, screen unsightly outbuildings, afford shade where needed, add touches of color to the picture, provide a pleasing "sky line," and to lend variety and Trees and shrubbery are the setting of the jewel; the quality of the jewel is not dependent upon its size, but upon the spirit, the purity, the harmony which dwells within. Yet no jewel is shown to best advantage without # a home without its setting of trees and

SIGNS WOULD AID CAR RIDERS



Cleveland street car officials are considering a plan to put signs on the public square showing the corners at which various car lines pass. The plan is to put sign posts at each corner of the square, hanging from them neat signs giving the list of car lines which pass that corner .-Cleveland Press.

SEE VALUE OF PLAYGROUNDS

No Community Is Now Considered Complete Without Properly Laid-Out Breathing Places.

It is a fact which ought to be of intense interest to the people of this city that during one week the attendance of children at the public playgrounds of Charleston reached the unprecedented figure of 10,575. It is estimated that about 2,509 different children visited and made use of the playgrounds during this period.

That ought to give the people of the community a clearer idea than they have heretofore possessed of the immense value of the playground system and of the effectiveness of the system as it is being applied in Charleston. Probably a majority of the Charleston readers of this newspaper have not been aware all this time of the importance which the few playgrounds now available have assumed as a factor in the life of the children of Charleston. That these grounds have been made use of in one week by something like 2,500 different children and that these children have resorted to the playgrounds so constantly and so regularly that the total attendance during the week has been over 10,500 are facts which furnish convincing proof of the value of these places of outdoor recreation -Charleston News and Courier.